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Background

- When tobacco smoke is released within an indoor environment, its residue that contains harmful chemicals, including nicotine, stick to all surrounding surfaces, such as furniture, walls, carpet, etc.
- This residue, also known as thirdhand smoke (THS) is linked to numerous negative health outcomes, including asthma, inflammation, reproductive damage, and an increased risk of cancer.
- Currently, landlords are not required to disclose to or inform a new tenant if a former tenant smoked/vaped within the premises.
- Do California residents support a policy that requires landlords to disclose if a previous tenant smoked or vaped?



Methods

Statewide Survey

- A survey was created and posted on Prolific, an online survey distribution service, and was open to any California resident.
- Demographic information was collected, including age, gender, race, education, and employment status.

Housing Information

- Housing information was collected, including what type of home they live in and whether the respondents own or rent.
- Renters were asked if smoking was allowed on the property they rent, and if so, where.

Landlords

- Each participant was asked if they rent out any properties.
- Landlords were asked if smoking was allowed on the property or properties they lease out, and if so, where.

Knowledge and Attitude Questions

- Each respondent was given a standardized set of knowledge and attitude questions.
- These questions are designed to gauge the respondents' knowledge and attitudes toward secondhand and thirdhand smoke, including its health/environmental effects, how it impacts their consumer behavior, and their attitudes towards smoke-free policies.

Race	African American / Black	Caucasian/ White	Asian American	Native American/Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Multiracial	Other	Choose not to answer	Total
n	288	1154	490	42	15	153	94	87	2323
% of	12.4%	49.7%	21.1%	1.8%	0.7%	6.6%	4.0%	3.8%	100%
Education	Some high school or less	High school or GED	Some college	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate degree	Total		
n	6	218	473	201	1038	387	2323		
%	0.30%	9.4%	20.4%	8.7%	44.7%	16.7%	100.00%		
Smoking Status	Cigarettes	E-cigs or vapes	Both	Neither	Total				
n	92	232	179	1820	2323				
%	4.0%	10.0%	7.7%	78.3%	100.00%				
Age (yrs)	Median	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	SD				
	34	36.9	18	86	12.8				



Results

Housing Information

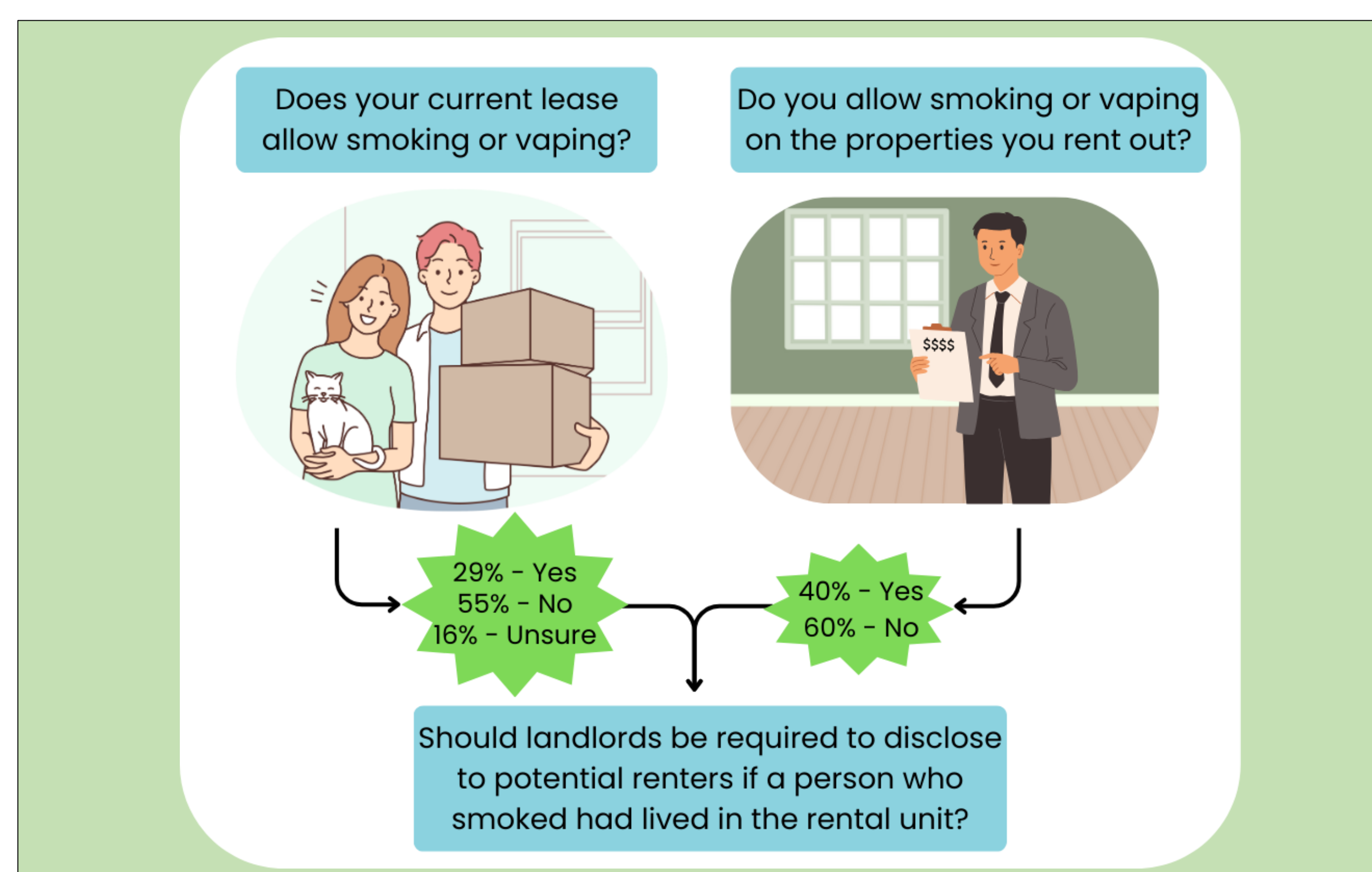
- 1,244 (53%) respondents reported that they or their family rent where they live, with the majority reporting that they live in apartments or condos (45%) or detached single family homes (43%).
- 29% of renters report that smoking and vaping is allowed in their lease.

Landlords

- 405 (17%) respondents reported to be landlords that managed a total of over 700 properties, and 256 of these were landlords who owned the property in which they lived and did not pay rent themselves.
- Over 40% of landlords disclosed that they allow smoking and/or vaping on the properties they rent out.

Knowledge and Attitude Questions

- 82% of respondents agreed that landlords should be required to disclose if a previous tenant was a smoker.



Conclusion

- Our polling indicates strong support for the requiring landlords to disclose if a former tenant of the property smoked or vaped inside the property.
- This wave of support is seen across all relevant subcategories of our sample, including:
 - Those who smoke (60% support), those who vape (70%) and those who smoke and vape (75%).
 - Those who do not smoke or vape (86% support).
 - Renters (83%) and landlords (79%).
- This information will be presented to legislators, lawmakers, and key-decision makers in the state of California to require disclosure of nicotine use in all lease agreements throughout the state.

Everyone agrees! Landlords should disclose if a previous tenant smoked or vaped.

Overall

Agree 82%

Renters

83%

Landlords

79%

Those who smoke

60%

Those who vape

70%

Those who smoke & vape

75%

Those who don't smoke or vape

86%

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